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## **Noel Kempff Museum to inaugurate exhibit on Bolivian biodiversity in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy**

Gabriel René Moreno University's Museum Noel Kempff Mercado, in the city of Santa Cruz, will inaugurate on April 29 an impressive photographic exhibit called "Exploring Our Biodiversity", which shows the close relationship between Bolivians and nature in activities such as agriculture, textile production, and traditional ceremonies, as well as in the field of scientific research and biodiversity conservation.

This initiative has been developed with the cooperation of natural history museums of Santa Cruz, La Paz, and New York. The National Natural History Museum in La Paz will inaugurate the exhibit on May 6, in preparation for the May 22 celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity.

The wonderful photographs to be shown in this exhibit were provided by outstanding photographers such as Willy Kenning, Hermes Justiniano, and Peter McFarren as well as other well-known Bolivian photographers and governmental organizations.

This presentation of exhibits in Bolivian museums has been possible thanks to the support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided through the assistance of the Center for Biodiversity & Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the United States Embassy in Bolivia, which initiated and coordinated the exchange between the Bolivian museums and the American Museum of Natural History